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CALENDAR

SESSION 1930-31

FALL QUARTER

Thursday, Sept. 11, 10:00 A. M.—Session begins.

Chapel Services. Address. Matriculation. Announcements.

Tuesday, Nov. 25—Examinations, Fall Quarter.

Junior Hebrew-----	Dr. Kerr
Middle O. T. Lit. and Ex.-----	Dr. McPheeters
Senior Hebrew-----	Dr. Kerr
Introduct. English Bible-----	Mr. Grafton

Wednesday—	Junior Homiletics-----	Dr. Green
	Middle English Bible-----	Dr. Clark
	Senior Theology-----	Dr. Green

Friday—	Senior English Bible (Elective)-----	Dr. Clark
	Senior N. T. Exegesis (Elective)-----	Dr. Cartledge
	Introductory Greek-----	Mr. Alston

Saturday—	Junior History-----	Dr. Robinson
	Middle N. T. Exegesis-----	Dr. Cartledge
	Senior Apologetics-----	Dr. Robinson

Thursday, Nov. 27—Recess. Thanksgiving Day.

WINTER QUARTER

Tuesday, Dec. 2—Class work resumed.

Saturday, Dec. 20, 1:00 P. M.—Christmas vacation begins.

Tuesday, Jan. 6, 8:30 A. M.—Class work resumed.

Tuesday, Feb. 24—Examinations, Winter Quarter.

Junior English Bible-----	Dr. Clark
Middle Ethics-----	Dr. Green
Senior Past. Theol. and Ed.-----	Dr. Clark

Wednesday—	Senior Theology-----	Dr. Green
	Introductory Greek-----	Mr. Alston

Thursday—	Junior History-----	Dr. Robinson
	Middle N. T. Exegesis-----	Dr. Cartledge
	Senior History-----	Dr. Robinson

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Friday—	Introductory Eng. Bible-----	Mr. Grafton
	Senior N. T. Exegesis (Elective)-----	Dr. Cartledge
Saturday—	Junior Hebrew-----	Dr. Kerr
	Middle O. T. Lit. and Exegesis-----	Dr. McPheeters
	Senior Hebrew-----	Dr. Kerr

SPRING QUARTER

Tuesday, March 3—Class work resumed.

Tuesday, May 12—Examinations, Spring Quarter.

	Junior History-----	Dr. Robinson
	Middle N. T. Exegesis-----	Dr. Cartledge
	Senior N. T. Exegesis-----	Dr. Cartledge
Wednesday—	Introductory Greek-----	Mr. Alston
	Senior History (Elective)-----	Dr. Robinson
Thursday—	Junior Hebrew-----	Dr. Kerr
	Middle O. T. Literature and Ex.-----	Dr. McPheeters
	Senior Hebrew-----	Dr. Kerr
Friday—	Senior Theology-----	Dr. Green
	Introductory English Bible-----	Mr. Grafton
Saturday—	Junior English Bible-----	Dr. Clark
	Middle Theology-----	Dr. Green
	Senior English Bible-----	Dr. Clark

Sunday, May 17—Baccalaureate Sermon and Missionary Address

Tuesday, May 19—Alumni Reunions, Meeting of Board of Directors.

Wednesday, May 20, 10:30 A. M.—Graduating Exercises.

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Heb. 11:4 *"He being dead yet speaketh."*

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PROFESSOR SAM A. CARTLEDGE, M.A., B.D., Ph.D.

Hail to Dr. Cartledge!

We are indeed glad to welcome Dr. Cartledge to the Seminary:

He is a Columbian. He already belongs to us; and, ere he has fully realized the dignity of his doctorate, an "old grad" will shout, "Hello, Sam!" Dr. Cartledge is a son, a grandson, and a great-grandson, of Columbia Theological Seminary. He comes of a godly Columbia succession: his father, Rev. Dr. S. J. Cartledge, of Athens, graduated in the Class of '89; his grandfather, Rev. G. H. Cartledge, in the Class of '48; and "Sam" thoroughly identified himself with the Columbia life. He was as much a star on the tennis team as he was in the classroom, and that is saying considerable. His voice lent depth to the quartette's WSB classic broadcasts. He was the first president of his class.

He is a South Carolina-Georgian. The Cartledge family through the generations have won honors in the academic life of the Empire State. Rev. G. H. Cartledge graduated from old Oglethorpe University of Milledgeville. With the passing of this Synodical institution, the Cartledges turned to the University of Georgia, of which both Dr. Cartledge and his father are alumni. Sam was born in 1903 in Anderson, S. C., during his father's pastorate there; he was reared in Athens; and recently married Miss Mary Grace Kehrler, a leader among the young people of the Decatur Presbyterian Church. He thus represents the two States in which the institution has been located and with which it has been most closely identified.

He is a scholar. His record abounds with honors—first honor: High School, University of Georgia, Columbia Theological Seminary; honorary societies and fraternity: Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, Sigma Upsilon; prizes, fellowships; degrees: A. B. (summa cum laude), M. A., University of Georgia; B. D. (magna cum laude), Columbia Theological Seminary; Ph.D., University of Chicago. His class articles are worded with the care of the Britannica; his grasp of the Greek impressed the graduate students of Chicago with the high excellency of the New Testament Department at Columbia.

He is a teacher. Dr. Cartledge taught English a year at Riverside Military Academy; and Propaedeutic Greek three years in Columbia Seminary. Every student bears testimony to his thor-

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ough mastery of his subject, his unfailing courtesy, his consummate ability to impart information. Dr. H. B. Blakely, the outgoing professor, has declared that Cartledge surpassed him in his Greek foundation and his natural ability as a teacher.

The election of Dr. Cartledge completes the faculty of the Seminary. Columbia has a carefully prepared, congenial and completely integrated faculty, maintaining "in essentials unity; in non-essentials liberty; in all things charity."

Dr. Cartledge comes to Columbia Seminary with as definite a conviction of the truth of historic Christianity, of New Testament supernaturalism, as the institution offered his grandfather 85 years ago. His faith has faced the fires of naturalism, humanism, secularism and mechanism; in the critical crucible of today it has stood the test.

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Dr. Melton Clark,
Columbia Seminary,
Decatur, Ga.

Dear Dr. Clark:

You have asked me to tell something of my experiences as a student in Chicago, but I hardly know where to start. I think, though, I will tell something of the manuscripts of the New Testament in the collection of the University of Chicago.

In 1895, the University purchased a manuscript of the Gospels. That was the only manuscript in the collection until 1929. Then manuscripts began to come to the notice of the authorities, and funds were raised for their purchase. Now the University has about a dozen Greek New Testament manuscripts. The only school with a larger collection in America is the University of Michigan, which, by the way, does not have a Divinity School.

Most of the manuscripts are manuscripts of the four Gospels. One of them contains the Acts and the Epistles, a rather rare type of manuscript. Several of them are "lectionaries," or a collection of Scripture lessons to be read on various days of the church year. The oldest manuscript in the collection is one of these lectionaries, written in "uncial," or capital letters and dating about the ninth century. An interesting thing about this manuscript is that the University bought it from a restaurant that is one of the centers of Chicago's gang life, where the manuscript had been used as an oath book to swear in new members to the gang.

All of these manuscripts have been unknown to scholars. Now that the University has them, their contents can be made known. As all these manuscripts are relatively late, it is not expected that any of them will make it possible for us to get a better Greek text of the New Testament than we already have. Yet new discoveries have often come from most unexpected sources. At any rate, every manuscript helps textual scholars in telling the history of the text and testing the theories on which the best texts have been reconstructed.

It was my privilege to work up three of these manuscripts for my dissertation. One of the three was actually signed and dated

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by the scribe who wrote it—the monk Nicolaus of Edessa, May 4, 1133 A. D. The other two were written probably in the thirteenth or fourteenth century. First the manuscripts have to be collated; that is, they are compared with the received Greek text and every variation between the two recorded. Then on the basis of these recorded variants, an attempt is made to see with what other manuscripts the manuscript is related. All three of these manuscripts had somewhat better texts than the average manuscript of their dates. One of the three was related very closely to a “family” of about eight other manuscripts. To complete the work, a description has to be given of each manuscript, describing all its features. These three manuscripts contained quite a few interesting features that I cannot describe now but nothing of any great importance. It was extremely interesting and profitable though, working with these ancient books, seeing how the New Testament came down from its original writers to us. I have just had photostats made of selected pages from all the manuscripts in the Chicago collection and of photostats of other manuscripts, which might prove interesting and profitable when our students come to textual studies.

I have had an interesting and profitable stay in Chicago, but I shall certainly be glad to get back to Columbia again.

Sincerely,

S. A. Cartledge.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCES

Young People's Conferences have become a prominent feature of the summer activities of the church, in the Synods and in some of the Presbyteries. They are now several years old, and may be considered as having passed the experimental stage. They have proved their worth, and are likely to abide as parts of the educational program of the church.

These gatherings of young people, while called conferences, are more like schools. For in each conference there is a faculty of instructors as well as of counselors, and class work is required, and credit is given. The conference period is short, embracing only one week, yet it is a week of intensive effort. As much is accomplished in these few days as would be done, perhaps, in an ordinary month or quarter in the home church.

The conference workers aim not only at giving instruction: the end of the instruction is consecration—decision of will and committal of life. The conferences are centers of enlightenment and enlistment for Christ and His service.

Besides all this, the young people have an outing and a good time, and this brightens and freshens life for them. They make new acquaintances and multiply social contacts, and so widen the area and horizon of life. And when they return home, they give a fresh stimulus to the work in local society, and school, and church.

Members of the faculty of Columbia Seminary have again and again been called to assist in these young people's conferences, and they gladly respond to these calls. This year Dr. Clark worked in the North Carolina Conference at Davidson College; Dr. Robinson in the South Carolina Conference at Presbyterian College; and Dr. Green in both the Young People's and Adult Conferences of Mississippi, at Belhaven College, located at Jackson.

Appreciating the past services of the Young People's Conferences, and believing in their future possibilities, Columbia Seminary takes pleasure in speaking a good word for them through its quarterly Bulletin.

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The Honor Roll of Helpers

Some months ago the Acting President mailed to some two hundred Auxiliaries requests for aid in meeting the expenses of fuel, light, and water, which are furnished free to our students.

The following thirty-nine Auxiliaries of Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi responded to the request. One Auxiliary in South Carolina Synod sent the amount, though no call had been made on the South Carolina Auxiliaries on account of the demands made on the Synod of South Carolina by the campaign for Deliverance of the Presbyterian College. With the unsolicited, but greatly appreciated, gift from South Carolina the forty contributing Auxiliaries gave \$480.00. Had the two hundred Auxiliaries responded, the receipts would have amounted to \$2,400.00 or two-thirds of the amount needed.

ALABAMA (3)

Aliceville
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Acworth
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Moultrie, First
North Avenue, Atlanta
Peachtree Road, Atlanta
Reid Memorial, Augusta
Senoia
Thomasville
Waycross
Westminster
West Point

MISSISSIPPI (7)

Clarksdale
Hattiesburg, First
Meridian, First
McBride Memorial
Picayune
Tchula
Water Valley

SOUTH CAROLINA (1)

Batesburg, Leesville

LOOKING UPWARD AND ONWARD

One of the interesting features of this year's session will be the celebration of the centennial of the Society of Missionary Inquiry. This Society has been responsible for promoting missions for a hundred years now. It was founded in a period when missionary interest in the church was practically non-existent. Its members have been largely responsible for shaping the missionary policy of the Southern Presbyterian Church. Many of the church's most useful missionaries have come from this Society from the days of the first student president, J. Leighton Wilson, on. But the Society does not live on its past alone. Weekly meetings are held. The various problems of missions at home and abroad are studied. Under the direction of the Society, the members visit and conduct services in city missions, county homes, prisons and prison camps, and help in conducting evangelistic services in many churches.

All the friends of Columbia are encouraged by the splendid group of new students entering this year. Twenty-one new students have entered the Junior class. A very gratifying fact about this is that all but two of these men have college degrees. One new student has entered the Senior class, and one the middle class. Four new students are taking special courses, attending a certain number of the regular classes. This makes a total of twenty-seven unusually well prepared young men who have entered the regular classes of Columbia Seminary for the first time this year.

The student body as a whole is made up of students from nine states and China and Korea. Georgia has the largest representation this year, with eighteen; South Carolina is close behind, with fifteen. Twenty-four Presbyteries are represented; Atlanta leads with eight students, and Pee Dee is next with five. Twenty-two educational institutions have representatives, Presbyterian College leading with nineteen, Davidson next with nine.

An attractive feature is being offered this year for the first time. Following the lead of many of the more prominent colleges and universities, Columbia Seminary is starting a night school. In a great city like Atlanta, there are many men who are desirous of preparing themselves for the ministry or for more active and useful Christian service, yet who are unable for various reasons to resign their positions to come to the Seminary as full-time stu-

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dents. To minister to this need, courses are being offered two nights in the week. These are regular Seminary courses, conducted by the regular members of the faculty, with the regular high standards, with regular Seminary credit given. Although this is an innovation, eight new students have already registered. This brings the total of new students up to thirty-five.

Columbia Seminary is doing all in her power to keep the Southern Presbyterian ministry up to its historically high standards, and, if possible, to raise the standards. Columbia believes thoroughly that the true Biblical religion can and should go hand in hand with true scholarship. Columbia is insisting that, as far as possible, all the men who come into the faculty should have earned doctors' degrees. Columbia is discouraging candidates from entering the Seminary who do not have college degrees, where that is at all possible. Columbia has adopted the quarter system, which is proving so satisfactory in schools of graduate standing throughout the country. Columbia still insists that her graduates be able to study the scriptures in the original Hebrew and Greek. Columbia is doing all in her power to see that every minister who graduates from her halls is a scholar, a gentleman and a Christian.

OUR FINANCIAL SITUATION

When Columbia Seminary found herself at home on her new campus, it was discovered that there were not a few expenditures incident to such a move which, while necessary, were not provided for. After three years of life in the new location, these additional expenditures, together with annual deficits in operating expenses, had created an indebtedness of some \$217,804.00. It was realized that the interest on this debt was an impossible burden. Steps were taken to relieve this, and in March of this year a campaign was conducted among the churches of Atlanta.

This second call upon the liberality of the Presbyterians of Atlanta, coming so soon after the greater campaign for the removal and rebuilding of the Seminary, was a severe test of the interest of our friends in Atlanta, and right nobly did they meet the issue and stand the test. We did not raise the full amount asked for, but more than \$100,000 was subscribed, and this has substantially alleviated the financial pressure on the institution. In fact, the subscribers have already assumed \$30,000 of the Seminary's indebtedness, thus reducing the indebtedness for which the Seminary itself is responsible to \$123,270.

In this connection, it ought also to be remembered that the old Seminary plant in Columbia is worth in normal times easily \$100,000. This will be disposed of as soon as it can be advantageously sold, and the interest from such sale will be used to offset the interest on the larger part of our present indebtedness. The consummation of such a transaction would bring us so near the balancing of our budget of income and expense that we would have no fear that our friends would welcome the opportunity of raising the amount necessary for such an achievement, perhaps \$25,000.

With this bright outlook before us; with our wonderful campus and splendid physical equipment; and with our loyal and enthusiastic student body, we feel that never before in the history of Columbia Seminary were the prospects more encouraging and her future more secure.

FORM OF BEQUEST

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